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INTERPRETATION CORRECTED ON STEEL TUBING RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Correction of the "summary" or interpretation of Schedule III (Coil or Tube Assemblies for Condensers or Coolers) of Limitation Order L-126, which set up specifications schedules for various types of commercial refrigeration equipment and parts, has been made by the WPB.

As published on page 15 of the April 12 issue of AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION NEWS, the "summary" stated the following: "Schedule III as amended—Coil or Tube Assemblies for Condensers or Coolers. 1. Prohibits use of non-ferrous metals and seamless steel tubing for all coil or tube assemblies. Exception: Water cooled condensers and use aboard ship."

This was in error with regard to the restrictions on the use of seamless steel tubing, according to F. B. Millham, Administrator of Order L-126 in the General Industrial Equipment Division of WPB. The correct interpretation should be as follows:

"Seamless steel tubing may not be used in any coil or tube assembly for condensers or coolers, except:

"1. Where the condenser or cooler is to be used aboard ship.

"2. To form integral fin tubing.

"3. For return bends."

SENATE ACTION MAY RELEASE LOCKER PLANT MATERIALS

RUTLAND, Vt. — Bright prospects for a definite government policy providing for the construction and equipment of food locker plants throughout the country were seen by Peter Bove, of this city, upon his return from Washington last week where he attended hearings on the food locker problem before a U. S. Senate sub-committee presided over by Senator George D. Aiken, Vermont Republican.

Many witnesses emphasized the need for frozen food lockers as a means of insuring the supply of food for thousands of families, according to Bove, a representative of several Vermont locker groups, who added that estimates have shown how metals devoted to locker projects could save more tonnage than could be transported in vessels using the same tonnage.

(According to some reports in trade circles, releases or "promises" of releases on steel for lockers for use in locker plants were in the works this week.)

Bove said that a definite allocation of enough metals for the locker projects, perhaps under control of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was in prospect. Some of the equipment was reported to be already available needing only the WPB release, he said.

"Nearly everyone in authority seems agreed on the lockers being essential and deserving a high priority," Bove declared. "The trouble seems to be that there was no definite policy. It was to lay down the broad outlines of such a policy that Sen. Aiken called the hearings."

Senate 'Votes' For Adoption of Maloney Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U. S. Senate, by a 44-29 vote, adopted May 10 the Maloney Bill to take the Office of Civilian Supply away from the WPB and establish it as a separate, independent administration with coordinate, rather than subordinate powers.

In adopting the measure the Senate overrode opposition to the measure from the WPB and the Truman Committee. The recent conversion of the OCS by WPB Chairman Donald Nelson into a stronger Office of Civilian Requirements (still within WPB) headed by Arthur D. Whiteside, aimed at discouraging the enactment of the Maloney bill, appeared not to have affected the Senatorial vote.

In the tally 33 Democrats voted with 10 Republicans and one Progressive for the legislation. Against the measure were 21 Republicans and eight Democrats.

As proposed to be set up by the Bill, the Civilian Supply Administration would be a claimant, with independent standing along with the War and Navy Departments and the Maritime Commission, before the agencies which allocate materials, facilities, transportation, and other resources for military, naval, export, and civilian purposes, and with authority

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Plan To Pool All Motors For Repair

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A recommendation to pool all burned-out standard fractional motors from essential domestic appliances (refrigerators included) for repair, exchange and continued use has been made by a task group of the Horsepower Motor Industry Advisory Committee which met with the War Production Board and other government agencies this month, WPB reports.

By turning in used standard motors of various types at specified stations throughout the U. S., adequate revolving stocks could be maintained for exchange replacement purposes,

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'Ceiling' Altered On Commercial Cooler Prices

OPA Order Provides For Reduction By Amount of Tax

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Ceiling prices for commercial refrigeration and commercial refrigerator apparatus were ordered reduced by an amount equal to federal excise taxes which were repealed Nov. 1, 1942, in an order issued May 10 by the OPA.

Every level of distribution is covered by the action. Manufacturers' prices were revised by Amendment No. 4 to Order A-1 under Maximum Price Regulation No. 188 (Manufacturers' Maximum Prices for Specified Building Materials and Consumers' Goods Other Than Apparel) and other sellers were affected by Amendment No. 169 to Supplementary Regulation No. 14 to the General Maximum Price Regulation, effective May 10, 1943.

The action provides that starting with May 10 all sellers shall reduce their ceiling prices by an amount equal to the federal excise tax previously paid on the sales of commercial refrigeration equipment under the provisions of the Revenue Act of 1941. The tax on this type of equipment was subsequently repealed by the Revenue Act of 1942.

Under the Revenue Act of 1941 a 10% tax was added to the selling price on beverage coolers, ice cream cabinets, water coolers, food and beverage display and storage cabinets, ice making machines, milk cooler cabinets, refrigerators of more than 20 cubic feet storage space and designed for use with a mechanical refrigeration unit, compressors, condensers, evaporators, expansion units, absorbers and controls for refrigerating plants and systems.

The amendment provides that the presently established maximum prices, for others than manufacturers, must be reduced by the amount of the tax when it was shown as a separate item on the manufacturer's invoice or by 1/11 of the presently established ceiling of the seller where

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Pressure Cookers May Be Available In June

NEW YORK CITY—Pressure cookers, the first civilian products to be returned to production after a ban had been put on their manufacture last year by the WPB, will become available toward the end of next month, it was predicted in trade circles here last week.

Materials for the production of about 150,000 of these units, ranging in capacity from four to 14 quarts, had been allotted 60 days ago to manufacture and it was estimated that close to another 60 days will be required before they start appearing on store shelves.

Complete plans for the distribution of these cookers have not been worked out, but it is expected that an arbitrary allocation to dealers by the Department of Agriculture on a county basis will be made. This plan is similar to the first rationing plan adopted for farm machinery.

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Revised Price Orders Affect Pricing of Commercial Refrigeration Products

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the tax was not shown as a separate item on the manufacturer's invoice. In the latter case the reduction in maximum price (established by General Maximum Price Regulation) will include any mark-up on the tax taken by any seller beyond the manufacturer.

To the consumer the action meant receiving the benefit of reductions in an amount representing the actual tax as it increased by way of mark-up prior to reaching the consumer level.

The action is not applicable to inventories in the hands of all sellers on May 10, 1943 originally purchased tax paid from the manufacturer.

The amendments require all sellers to establish a record of his tax paid inventories and maintain it for 90 days after the inventories are sold or otherwise disposed of. The record must contain the following information with respect to each article included in the inventory:

(1) A description, (2) the serial number, if any, (3) the name of the manufacturer, (4) the date purchased, (5) the purchase price, (6) the name of the supplier, (7) the presently established maximum price, (8) the federal excise tax if shown as a separate item on the manufacturer's invoice or the amount computed as 1/11 of the presently established maximum price.

Manufacturers prices, in accordance with section 3325 of the Internal Revenue Code, must have been reduced by the amount of the tax on sales made after Nov. 1, 1942. The code provided that any person ascribing a particular portion of his sale price as tax and knowing that tax is not so great as the portion ascribed to the tax, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine or a fine and imprisonment.

Price Changes As It Affects Producers

Supplementary Regulation No. 14 to the General Maximum Price Regulation Amendment No. 169.

A statement of the considerations involved in the issuance of this amendment, issued simultaneously herewith, has been filed with the Division of the Federal Register.

Section 1499.73 (a) (100) is added to read as follows:

(100) Modification of maximum prices of commercial refrigeration, and commercial refrigeration apparatus. (i) On and after May 10, 1943, all persons other than manufacturers selling commercial refrigeration and commercial refrigeration apparatus, shall, in view of the provisions of Section 614, Title VI of the Revenue Act of 1942 reduce their presently established maximum prices by an amount representing the federal excise tax imposed by Section 546, Title V, Part IV of the Revenue Act of 1941, in the following manner:

(a) By the amount of the federal excise tax if shown as a separate item on the purchase invoice, or

(b) By 1/11 of the presently established maximum price where the federal excise tax was not shown on the purchase invoice as a separate item but was included in the sales price.

The provisions of this subparagraph (100) shall not be applicable to any article of commercial refrigeration or commercial refrigeration apparatus on hand May 10, 1943, originally purchased from the manufacturers thereof during the period Nov. 1, 1941, to Oct. 31, 1942, and for which the manufacturers were reimbursed for the federal excise tax paid by them on their sales.

(ii) Definitions. (a) For the purpose of this subparagraph the term "commercial refrigeration and commercial refrigeration apparatus" means beverage coolers, ice cream cabinets, water coolers, food and beverage display cases, food and beverage storage cabinets, ice making machines, milk cooler cabinets, refrigerators having a net storage space of more than 20 cubic feet, which were primarily designed for use with a mechanical refrigeration unit; and compressors, condensers, evaporators, expansion units, absorbers and controls for, or suitable for use as a part of or with, a refrigerating plant, refrigerating system, refrigerating equipment or unit, or any of the articles enumerated above.

(b) The term "manufacturer" means any person who makes the first sale of any article of commercial refrigeration or commercial refrigeration apparatus.

(iii) Every person affected by this paragraph shall immediately prepare a record showing all commercial refrigeration and commercial refrigeration apparatus on hand as of May 10, 1943 which was sold by the manufacturer thereof tax paid. This record which shall be retained for at least 90 days after such inventory has been sold or otherwise disposed of shall contain the following information with respect to each article. (a) A description, (b) the serial number if any, (c) the name of the manufacturer, (d) the date purchased, (e) the purchase price, (f) the name of the supplier, (g) the presently established maximum price, (h) the federal excise tax if shown as a separate item on the purchase invoice or the amount computed in accordance with (i) (b) above. This amendment shall become effective May 10, 1943.

Issued this 10th day of May, 1943.

PRENTISS M. BROWN,
Administrator.

Price Change As It Affects Distributors

[Amendment 4 to Order A-1 Under MPR 188]

Manufacturers of Commercial Refrigeration and Apparatus

Modification of Maximum Prices
Amendment No. 4 to Order No. A-1 under § 1499.159b of Maximum Price Regulation No. 188—Manufacturer's Maximum Prices for Specified Building Materials and Consumers' Goods Other Than Apparel.

An opinion accompanying this amendment, issued simultaneously herewith, has been filed with the Division of the Federal Register.

Paragraph (a) (5) is added to read as follows:

(5) Modification of maximum prices of commercial refrigeration and commercial refrigeration apparatus. (i) On and after May 10, 1943, all manufacturers of commercial refrigeration and commercial refrigeration apparatus, shall reduce their presently established maximum prices for such commodities by an amount equal to the federal excise tax previously paid on the sales of such commodities under the provisions of section 546, Title V, Part IV of the Revenue Act of 1941 and subsequently repealed by section 614, Title VI of the Revenue Act of 1942.

(ii) Definitions. (a) For the purpose of this paragraph the term "commercial refrigeration and commercial refrigeration apparatus" means beverage coolers, ice cream cabinets, water coolers, food and beverage display cases, food and beverage storage cabinets, ice making machines, milk cooler cabinets, refrigerators having a net storage space of more than 20 cubic feet, which were primarily designed for use with a mechanical refrigeration unit; and compressors, condensers, evaporators, expansion units, absorbers and controls for, or suitable for use as a part of or with, a refrigerating plant, refrigerating system, refrigerating equipment or unit, or any of the articles enumerated above.

(b) The term "manufacturer" means any person who makes the first sale of any article of commercial refrigeration or commercial refrigeration apparatus.

This amendment shall become effective May 5, 1943.

Issued this 4th day of May, 1943.
PRENTISS M. BROWN,
Administrator.

Small Business Given Credit For Favorable Maloney Bill Vote

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to appeal to the Director of Economic Stabilization when allotments appeared inadequate to "keep the civilian population health and functioning effectively."

In some Washington quarters the vote was viewed as giving the most clear-cut demonstration thus far in the War Emergency of the strength of the "little business" element of the country. Thus it was regarded too, as a distinct victory for the Senate's Small Business Committee, of which Senator Maloney of Connecticut and other sponsors of the Civilian Supply Administration Bill are members. Nine of the 12 members of the Small Business Committee supported the measure, two voted against it, and one was not present.

The test on the measure came also only a few days after the Truman Committee, in reporting on its investigation of the conflicts in the synthetic rubber and aviation gasoline programs, had stated that there were too many "czars" in the war production effort whose powers had weakened those of Mr. Nelson as head of WPB. Five members of the Truman Committee voted against the bill; one, Senator Connally of Texas, for it, and four members did not vote.

Ralph Sorenson Heads Table Appliance Dept. For Westinghouse

MANSFIELD, Ohio—Ralph Z. Sorenson of Chicago has been appointed manager of the Table Appliance department of the Westinghouse Electric Appliance Division, succeeding John A. Sullivan who resigned to become a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve.

In making the announcement T. J. Newcomb, sales manager, said Mr. Sorenson's immediate duties will be in connection with the Westinghouse War Products department.

Mr. Sorenson joined Westinghouse as supervisor of major accounts for the Northwestern district, with headquarters at Chicago. In January of 1941 he became appliance supervisor for the same district, handling the sale of heating appliances, fans and vacuum cleaners in 10 midwestern states.

Norge Forswears Any Big Increase In Dealerships After the War

NEW YORK CITY—By vouching for the statement that dealerships will not be increased numerically after the war, the Norge Division of Borg-Warner Corp., through company officials and representatives in this area meeting with a dealer group here recently, became one of the first large companies to make such commitments.

In promising a certain degree of post-war security, Howard E. Blood, president of the company, said that the Norge distributing organization had remained about the same in spite of the war and that the company is laying plans for peace-time production with no ideas for adding

to the present number of outlets.

He declared that in case the war ends quickly Norge will turn immediately to the manufacture of 1942 models, but if the end comes gradually, with the fight with Japan dragging out some time after victory over Germany for instance, there will be time and equipment to devote to turning out models of new design. Even now, he said, since war production in their plants has become more or less stabilized, the company is concentrating to a large extent on the engineering of new products.

Speaking of the post-war period, Blood prophesized much competition from new companies.

'Selective Essentiality' Sought on Products For Civilian Use

NEW YORK CITY—"Selective essentiality," or the policy under which the Office of Civilian Supply is now working to obtain certain production quantities and assure equal distribution of the finished product to civilians, was discussed recently at the annual Spring meeting of the American Marketing Assn. by Richard N. Johnson, director of the consumer goods division of the OCS.

This policy, according to the aims of OCS, is carried out by preference rating in production and equality in distribution so "that elaborate machinery requiring consumer purchase certificates is unnecessary."

Johnson told his listeners: "I believe that careful assignment of the production to manufacturers can be done in a manner to preserve and use existing channels and machinery of distribution. I believe that manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers will cooperate to channel goods of this character to their needed destination more effectively than by complicated consumer rationing techniques."

Initiating the OCS policy, Johnson recalled, were the original 200 "hard-goods" items listed by top businessmen. This list, he said, was not isolated but a part of the OCS operating policy.

Although the required amounts of material are by necessity estimated at a minimum by the production requirements committee, OCS, even as a claimant agency, frequently fails to get the needed materials.

"Consequently," he pointed out, "we are twice as short on some articles, particularly in heavily populated war production centers, as we would have been had the program been carried out as determined by the divisional requirements committee."

Calkins Is Elected To Bendix Vice Presidency

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—C. V. Calkins has been elected vice president of Bendix Home Appliances, Inc.

Mr. Calkins has been associated with the company since 1937 in a sales-executive post.

Survey Indicates Real Crisis In Refrigeration Breakdowns May Come This Summer Only 43% 'Equivalent Manpower' Left To Handle All The Jobs

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Spring Makers Penalized For Use of Metals

WASHINGTON, D. C.—For direct violation of priority regulations, WPB reports that a three-month stop order has been placed upon two companies for manufacturing and distributing items using restricted metals in their production.

By the order, the Specialty Mattress Co. of Huntington, W. Va. is denied the right to convert any iron or steel into bed springs, and the Bloomfield Mfg. Co. of Chicago is denied the right to use any restricted metals for the manufacture of kitchen equipment.

The mattress company was charged with manufacturing 3,115 inner-spring mattresses in violation of limitation order L-49.

'Selective Service' Relations Depts. Are Recommended

NEW YORK CITY—Selective Service relations departments are badly needed in war industries to make possible more deferments of employees, especially engineers, Dr. Albert B. Newman, regional advisor of the United States Office of Education, told a press conference group here last week.

An expert in every war plant to work in close cooperation with Selective Service was recommended by Dr. Newman because, he said, Selective Service encourages appeals from its decisions and it is only through industry's "lack of understanding" that many men, considered nearly indispensable to production, are lost. The Selective Service advisor, he said, should rank equally with plant experts on priorities and taxation inasmuch as manpower has assumed greater importance than ever before.

Although the purpose of the talk was to outline a program of free war training in engineering courses available at colleges in the metropolitan district, Dr. Newman stressed the need of occupational advisors to help industry "avoid further loss of engineers and other employees" by appealing to draft boards, and by hiring engineers just out of school who could be deferred when the necessity for deferment was shown.

Referring to the War Manpower Commission's estimated need of from 40,000 to 50,000 engineers for placement in both industry and the Army this year, Dr. Newman revealed that only 17,000 engineers would graduate this year from college and that of this number about 6,000 would be taken by the Army.

Pearce Is Promoted By Armstrong Cork

NEW YORK CITY—Allen E. Pearce has been made assistant general manager of the Armstrong Cork Co. building materials division, H. W. Prentiss, Jr., president, announces. Pearce, who has been with the company for the past 15 years, was manager of the acoustical and Temlok departments prior to his recent appointment.

J. V. Jones will succeed Pearce, and F. W. Muller will replace Jones in the insulation department.

War Manpower Commission Advises All 'Essential' Business To File Form 42B

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Employers engaged in war production or in activities essential to support of the war effort should file with Selective Service local boards written evidence of their employment of registrants who maintain bona fide homes with children less than 18 years of age, born on or before Sept. 14, 1942, the Selective Service Bureau of the War Manpower Commission emphasized in a report issued May 6.

Selective Service Form No. 42B, which is available at local board offices, should be used for this purpose.

The local board, it was pointed out, thus will be advised of the registrant's employment in an essential activity, and the employer will receive notice of reopening of the registrant's classification any time it is undertaken by the local board. The employer, after receiving such notification, will have opportunity to submit additional evidence of the essentiality of necessary men in his employment.

The only fathers now being inducted under the Selective Service Act are those engaged in activities or occupations on the War Manpower Commission's non-deferrable list; farm workers who, without permission of their local board, leave essential agriculture pursuits for which they have been deferred, and fathers whose children were born on or after Sept. 15, 1942.

Submission of Form 42B is urged, however, for men who have a child, or children, with whom they maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes, to assure the employer that if the time comes when such registrants are needed in the armed forces he would receive notice of his employees' Selective Service status.

Heretofore, Form 42B was used by employers to indicate men with dependents engaged in an activity essential to war production or in support of the war effort for whom a Class III-B deferment was requested. However, now that Class III-B, for the designation of such men, has been eliminated, Form 42B will be filed only for men with children who are in Class III-A.

Coincident with these suggestions

to employers, Selective Service also announced an interpretation of its previously issued memorandum relating to filing calls. On April 12, 1943, in a memorandum to local boards Selective Service said:

"Insofar as possible, men who are finally classified in Class I-A, men fit for military service; Class I-A-O, men fit for noncombatant service in the armed forces; or Class IV-E, men fit for work of national importance, who are available for induction or assignment to work of national importance, should be called for induction or assignment to work of national importance from the following groups in the order listed: (1) single men with no dependents, (2) single men with collateral dependents, (3) married men with wives only, and (4) men with children."

The revised section provides: "When a local board is filling a call it shall first select and order to report for induction specified men who have volunteered for induction. To fill the balance of the call it shall from the groups listed below, and insofar as possible in the order in which the groups are listed, select and order to report for induction specified men finally classified in Class I-A and Class I-A-O who are available for induction:

"1. Men with no dependents. (All men not qualified for Group 2, Group 3, or Group 4, below, will for this purpose be considered as men with no dependents.)

"2. Men with collateral dependents, provided such status was acquired prior to Dec. 8, 1941.

"3. Men who have wives with whom they maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes, provided such status was acquired prior to Dec. 8, 1941.

"4. Men who have children with whom they maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes; provided such status was acquired prior to Dec. 8, 1941. (Now limited to those who were placed in Class I-A or Class I-A-O because they left an agricultural occupation or endeavor essential to the war effort without the permission of their local boards or because they were engaged in nondeferable activities or occupations.)"

'Price Reports' No Longer Required on Several Kinds of Major Appliances

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Continuing its policy of simplification of procedure, the Office of Price Administration on April 28 abolished certain reports formerly required under four revised price schedules and one maximum price regulation governing manufacturers or distributors of cooking and heating stoves, floor coverings, radio receiver or phonograph parts, washing machines, and vacuum cleaners and attachments.

Most of these articles either are no longer being produced or are restricted in output by War Production Board Limitation orders, and the reports formally discontinued today no longer are needed.

Records of any business transacted still must be kept, OPA said, on these articles as well as on household mechanical refrigerators. Provisions setting a definite time limit on preservation of records have also been eliminated.

No longer required are:

1. Under Amendment No. 8 to Maximum Price Regulation No. 111 (New Household Vacuum Cleaners and Attachments), reports on monthly production by manufacturers; reports by manufacturers of any changes in models, whether substantial or otherwise; and reports by

distributors or dealers on lists of models for sale other than those listed in Appendix A of the regulation.

2. Under Amendment No. 1 to Revised Price Schedule No. 86 (Domestic Washing Machines), reports by manufacturers on monthly production, cost-plus contracts, specification changes, and discontinued models.

3. Under Amendment No. 7 to Revised Price Schedule No. 64 (Domestic Cooking and Heating Stoves) reports by manufacturers on monthly production, cost-plus contracts, discontinued models, and covertop eliminations.

4. Under Amendment No. 5 to Revised Price Schedule No. 84 (Radio Receiver and Phonograph Parts), reports by manufacturers of sales under cost-plus contracts.

5. Under Amendment No. 2 to Revised Price Schedule No. 65 (Resale of Floor Coverings), reports by distributors of sales and inventory of wool floor coverings.

All these amendments are effective May 4, 1943.

Amendment No. 5 to Revised Price Schedule No. 102 (Household Mechanical Refrigerators) also effective May 4, 1943, eliminates the time limit on preservation of records.

Priority Necessary on Cooking Equipment For Pre-Flight Army Training Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The War Production Board on May 8 ruled that Army Pre-Flight Training Schools seeking to purchase commercial cooking and food and plate warming equipment are not exempt from filing for authorization on Form PD-638A, under Limitation Order L-182. A similar ruling was made several weeks ago in regard to purchases of commercial dishwashers, under Limitation Order L-248.

Under L-182, the exemption applies

only to purchases by or for the account of the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, War Shipping Administration or the Defense Plant Corp. Interpretation 1 of the order, issued today, holds that the exemption does not cover equipment which will be owned by the training school and not by the Army, even though it is intended that the equipment for the present will be used solely for the benefit of the personnel assigned to the school.

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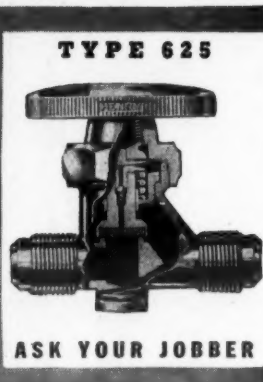
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The Priorities Quiz

(AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION NEWS, with the aid of a man who is actually engaged in handling much priorities work, will attempt to answer questions from readers about priorities problems. The editors will not guarantee to answer all questions, nor can they guarantee that the answers will be legally perfect, but an effort will be made to provide a guide to correct procedure wherever possible.)

Is AA-4 Required On All Parts Transactions?

Q. There has been a great deal of discussion as to whether the new restrictions under L-38 prohibit the shipment of refrigeration parts as between producers and dealers except on AA-4 rated orders or on orders approved on Forms PD-830 or PD-831. Do you know of any official interpretation on this question?

A. Sterling Smith, the Administrator of L-38, has written a letter to some refrigeration manufacturers stating that they may deliver valves to jobbers, dealers, or servicemen "without a preference rating"—that is, of course, as far as L-38 is concerned. This would indicate clearly that the restrictions of L-38 as to the delivery of parts apply only on sales directly to the owner, user, or lessee of the refrigeration equipment. As to sales between just producers and dealers (in which the owner, user, and lessee has no part) these are not affected directly by the terms of L-38.

It must be remembered, of course, that a dealer's chances of getting delivery without a preference rating are very slim because of the fact that so many orders are being placed on producers that carry "AA" preference ratings.

It must also be remembered that with AA-4 and better preference ratings now being assigned under P-126 (the Refrigeration Repair Order) most orders for parts even as between dealers and producers will carry relatively high preference ratings.

Up-To-Date Data Available on CMP

Q. Can you recommend any recent official publication that will bring us to date on procedures under the Controlled Materials Plan?

A. The CMP division of the War Production Board has recently issued a new publication entitled "Handy Guide and Outline of Procedure for Manufacturers Under the CMP." Copies may be obtained by writing to Robert A. Whitney, Deputy Chief,

Education and Inquiry Branch CMP Division, War Production Board, 3327 Railroad Retirement Building, Washington, D. C.

Time of Allotments For Third Quarter

Q. Has there been any indication as to when complete third quarter allotments of controlled materials will be issued by the War Production Board?

A. It is expected that the complete allotments for the third quarter will be issued between May 21 and June 1. All applicants have already received partial allotments for the third and some succeeding quarters. The official time table for the handling of third quarter allotments on "B" products is as follows:

April 30—Divisions close tabulations of CMP-4B applications.

May 1—Allotments in total made to divisions.

May 8—Appeals by Claimant Agencies completed.

May 21—CMPL-150 (the allotment form) issued for all applications tabulated April 30.

June 1—All authorizations issued.

CMP Regulation No. 5 NOT For Customers

Q. CMP Regulation No. 5 lists in Schedule II those who may extend a rating of AA-2X for maintenance, repair, and operating supplies. This listing includes "persons engaged in repair services for industrial and household equipment." Does this listing permit me as a serviceman to purchase repair parts for my customers' equipment on an AA-2X rating?

A. No, it does not. CMP Regulation No. 5 makes available an AA-2X rating under Schedule II for the repair, maintenance, and operating supplies required by those persons listed in that schedule for the repair and maintenance of their own facilities and does not make ratings available for the purchase by you of materials for the repair of your customers' facilities. This is an important distinction.

Fuel Saving Controls Can Be Purchased Without Priority

CHICAGO—Installation of priority-free outside controls in every large apartment, store, and office building as a fuel saving measure for the duration is urgently requested by the Office of Price Administration through reliable manufacturers of temperature regulators.

To produce the necessary cut in fuel oil consumption and to save every possible shovelful of coal, the WPB has allocated materials for the manufacture of "outside" type thermostatic controls for multiple-occupancy buildings. The Fuel Conservation program considers these controls so vital that they may be purchased immediately without a priority.

According to the Marsh-Tritrol Co., one of the automatic control manufacturers acting for the government in the heat conservation program, OPA's message emphasizing the importance of saving fuel amounts practically to a "must" order in view of the war's alarming demands.

By means of a bulletin printed to carry the story of the fuel-waste problem, OPA brings to light the excess fuel consumed and resulting heat loss through lack of regulation. It tells also that approximately 14% more coal was hauled this season as compared to last, and that a further increase of about 10% is anticipated this coming season.

Just as heat in residences is controlled thermostatically, heat in the largest buildings can and will be regulated by use of the "outside" type of automatic thermostatic control, OPA says. Operating from outside temperature, the "outside" heat control limits heating to the actual demands of the weather and meters out the fuel available to stretch the supply throughout the heating season.

Farm Equipment May Go To Production Level Close To '41

NEW YORK CITY—Farm machinery manufacture will be increased to as high as 75% of the 1941 volume beginning June 1 if tentative plans of the War Production Board along this line are completed in a short time, reports indicate. Already, restrictions on the rationing and distribution of farm machinery have been lifted by the WPB.

Production percentages allowed will range from 35% and 45% to as high as 100% of the 1941 output. The new order, now being prepared by WPB for approval by the Department of Agriculture, will supersede the tentative schedules issued last month to manufacturers, which permitted them to place their CMP requirements for the third quarter.

It is believed that the larger companies will start manufacturing their full lines of machinery and that others will continue to fill their war contracts in addition to increased farm equipment production. Operation under L-170 forced many factories to turn to war production entirely.

Tentative schedules mirror the increases permitted. Combines, six feet and under, for instance, will be raised from a 30% production limit to 48%, and tractors from 25% to 54%. The complete restriction on production of hay-balers will be lifted to allow 39%, 45%, and 7% for A, B, and C manufacturers respectively.

The new orders will no doubt undergo some changes recommended by the Department of Agriculture. However, it is reported that increased production will eliminate the need for distribution by counties although farmers will be required to obtain certificates of necessity to buy farm machinery.

Re-Conversion To Civilian Goods Seen For Some Plants By End of Summer

NEW YORK CITY—Plans to reconvert industry to the production of civilian goods by the end of summer, although far from complete, are under consideration by the war agencies, according to reports current here.

As to how this program will be worked out, the rumors say that war production will be confined to plants best fitted to turning out essential war materials, thus leaving free a number of plants, previously engaged in filling war orders, to work on civilian requirements.

While the plan may seem contradictory to the war production effort, it will be entirely possible to execute in view of other factors, some of which are not closely related to the production of war goods but which have a certain influence on the overall picture. Lending itself handily to the situation, for instance, is the declining building program which is faced with cancellations amounting to millions of dollars and involves quantities of material already contracted for. The sharp letdown in new orders for machine tools, which consume large amounts of metal, is also brought out in the report as a contributing factor.

"Since the start of this year, new orders for machine tools have been running at the rate of about one-half what they were last summer and one-sixth of the total a year ago.

Backlogs are being steadily depleted and by fall the declining rate of production will be reflected in a sharply reduced call for materials from these plants," the report continues.

From 25 to 50 plants have finished their government orders in recent months, it is reported, and are seeking permission to produce civilian goods again. In some cases they have turned to the manufacture of lines using non-essential materials, although procurement officials seek to supply them with war orders.

It is the hope of the agencies in charge of supplying food to civilians, the armed forces, and lend-lease to be able to reconvert food industries, wherever possible, to the production of dehydrated foods. It is said that 200 more plants are badly needed to increase the present yearly output of 200,000,000 pounds of dehydrated foods. Until recently equipment used in the processing of food was hard to get because it ran competition with the synthetic rubber, high octane gasoline, and other programs.

"The Smaller War Plants Corp. has recognized the futility of trying to find war orders for all small plants and has now turned to the idea of finding essential civilian goods production for them. An advertising campaign promoting this idea will start here soon, it is said.

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